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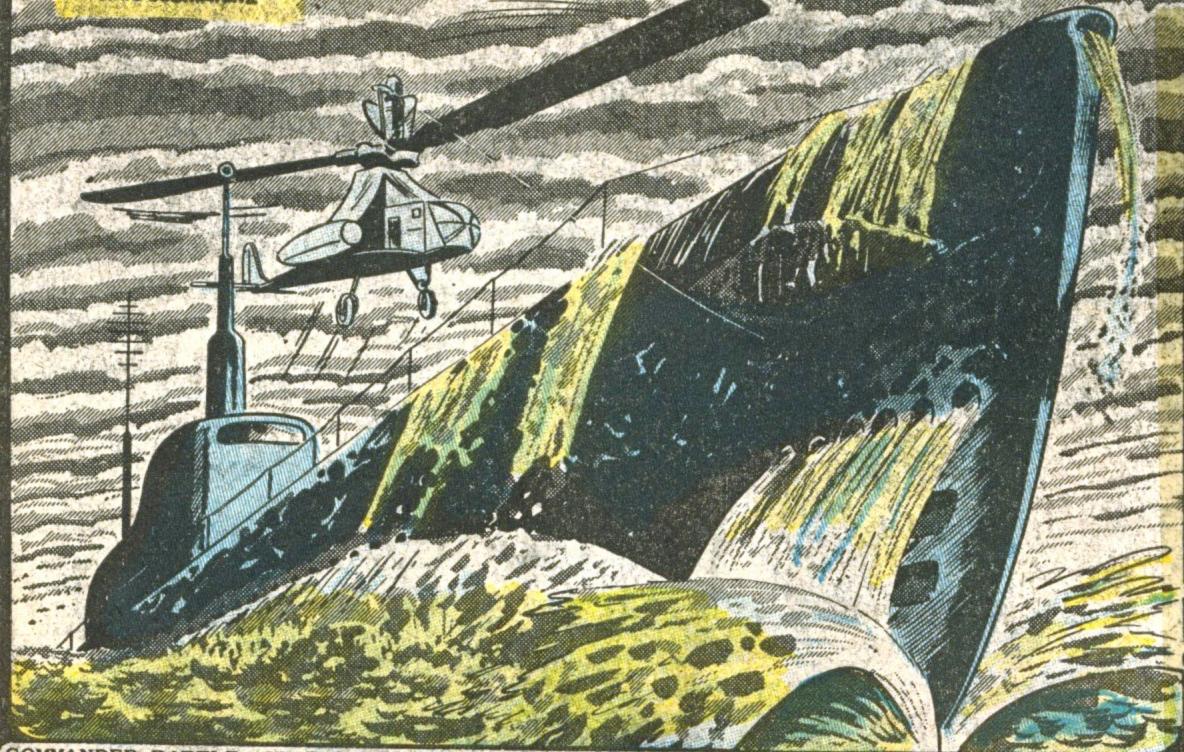
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AS THE "MODERN-DAY
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ARTIST ON CARNIVAL
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ON OCTOBER 14th, 1951, NAVAL INSTALLATIONS AT NEW LONDON, CONN., BECAME A VERITABLE NO-MAN'S-LAND, CLOSELY GUARDED AGAINST ALL UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL! WHAT WAS HAPPENING THERE WAS A HUSH-HUSH, TOP PRIORITY SECRET!

THOSE WHO SENSED THE MYSTERY WONDERED! THEY HAD GREATER CAUSE FOR WONDER WHEN, IN MARCH, 1953, ACTIVITY SUDDENLY HEIGHTENED TO FEVER PITCH!



I-I CAN'T TAKE THIS OVER-TIME, THIS DRIVING! WHY THE BIG RUSH TO FINISH IT AHEAD OF SCHEDULE? WHAT CAN BE HAPPENIN' THAT THEY NEED A-

DON'T DISCUSS IT OUTSIDE OF THE YARDS, YA BIG DOPE! YA CAN'T TELL WHO MIGHT BE LISTENIN!

MEN - MATERIALS - RECKLESSLY EXPENDED IN A DESPERATE, ROUND-THE-CLOCK STRUGGLE TO RUSH TO COMPLETION A MIGHTY SECRET WEAPONI SLOWLY, ALL TOO SLOWLY IT TOOK SHAPE - THE ATOMIC SUBMARINE!



YOU LOOK, MARYEL -- ASK YOURSELF WHY! HAVEN'T WE A MODERNLY-EQUIPPED NAYY, AN UP-TO-THE-MINUTE AIR FORCE, DOGFACES SECOND TO NONE? THEN WHY THE WILD NEED FOR THIS GIANT DE-VICE -- AND ALL THE HUSH-HUSH SURROUNDING ITS CONSTRUCTION? SECRECY - WHISPERS -- WILD RUMORS THAT EVEN YOU PROBABLY HEARD! FOR IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP ALL WORD OF THIS VAST PROJECT FROM LEAKING OUT!

LOOK, MISTER, THEY
DON'T TELL ME ANYTHIN!
ALL I KNOW IS THEY'RE
DRIVIN' US LIKE SLAVES!
SOMETHIN'S UP, AN'
THEY NEED THIS
THING FINISHED
FAST!

IS IT SOME NEW TYPE OF NAVAL CRAFT OR ISN'T IT? AND WHAT'S THE RUSH ABOUT LAUNCHING IT, MR. SECRETARY?



CATION! IF YOU WON'T
QUOTE ME, I MIGHT SAY
THAT IT'S THE GREATEST
SECRET WEAPON AMERICA'S
EVER HAD! WE NEED IT
NOW -- QUICK -- BECAUSE WE
MAY BE FACING THE MOST
AWFUL EMERGENCY IN
OUR HISTORY!

EMERGENCY - EMERGENCY - AND TO MEET IT, THE ATOMIC SUB-MARINE - A HUGE MECHANICAL MARYEL THAT COULD BE OPERATED BY A CREW OF ONLY FOUR MENI

BUT THEY CAN'T BE ORDINARY MEN,
MR. BATTLE! A MIGHTY WEAPON LIKE THIS
CAN ONLY BE ENTRUSTED TO OUTSTANDING
INDIVIDUALS -- WHO CAN SAFEGUARD IT, GET
THE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE FROM IT!



NOW GET THIS! YOU'RE KNOWN AS ONE OF THE KEENEST BRAINS IN THE SECRET SERVICE -- AND YOU'RE ALREADY IN ON THIS EMERGENCY! I'M LEAVING IT TO YOU TO CHOOSE THE THREE GREATEST MEN YOU CAN FIND -- MEN WHO CAN MEET ANY TYPE OF DANGER, AND WIN THROUGH!



THAT'LL BE YOU!
YOU SEE -- YOU'LL
BE THE LEADER,
BILL BATTLE!

M-ME ? GOSH, MR.
PRESIDENT, I APPRECIATE
THE HONOR AND I ...
I'LL GIVE IT EVERYTHING
I'VE GOT!



IT CALLED FOR THE THREE GREATEST MEN FOR THE JOB AT HAND
-- SPECIALISTS -- AND BILL BATTLE USED 20TH CENTURY PERSONNEL
METHODS TO FIND THEMI AT THE INFORMATION BUREAU OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE --

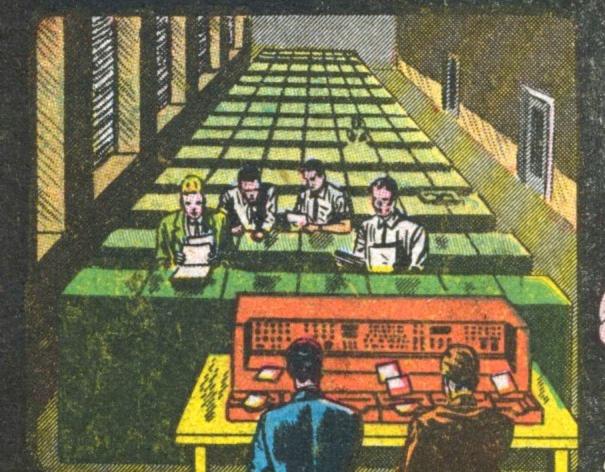
HUH? EXPECT US
TO LOCATE ONE GUY
WHO COMBINES ALL
THESE QUALITIES?
MASTER BOXER -- .
CHAMP WRESTLER -WEIGHT LIFTER -DISTANCE SWIMMER --

YEAH, AND
HOW ABOUT
THIS! TOP
SCIENTIST,
EXPERT AT
MECHANICS, ATOMIC
DEVICES AND GENERAL WEAPONS -- ACE
IN CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS

THE THIRD LIST OF
QUALIFICATIONS WILL
SURPRISE YOU EVEN
MORE! STOW THE
GAB, BOYS-AND START
FEEDING
CE
CARDS INTO
THOSE
MACHINES!

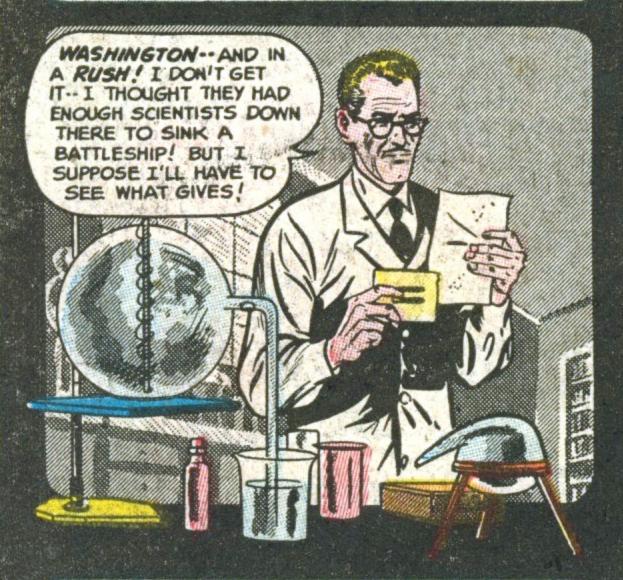


IT WAS TIME FOR A MACHINE TO TAKE OVER -- A MACHINE WITH AL-MOST HUMAN INTELLIGENCE! ITS GOAL -- A STRANGE MANHUNT --



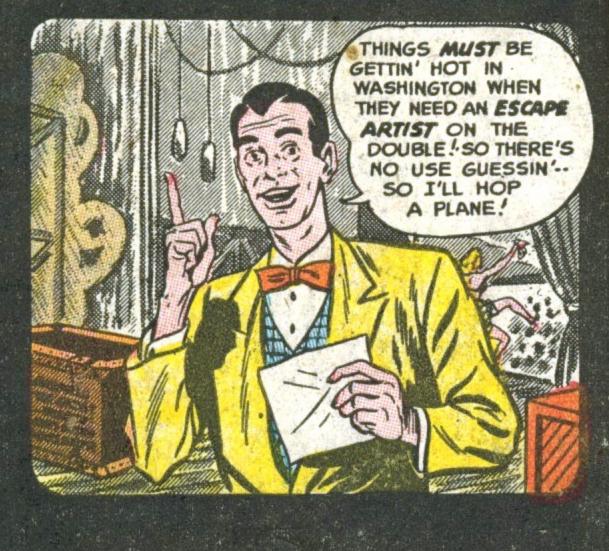
WHEELS SPUN -- GEARS ENGAGED -- AS THE ODD DEVICE RELENT-LESSLY SOUGHT OUT ITS INFORMATION! AND WITHIN A MATTER OF HOURS, A THOUSAND MILES AWAY --





FOR THE FIRST TIME, THEY MET - THESE MEN WHO WERE TO CONTROL SO LARGE A SHARE OF AMERICA'S DESTINY -



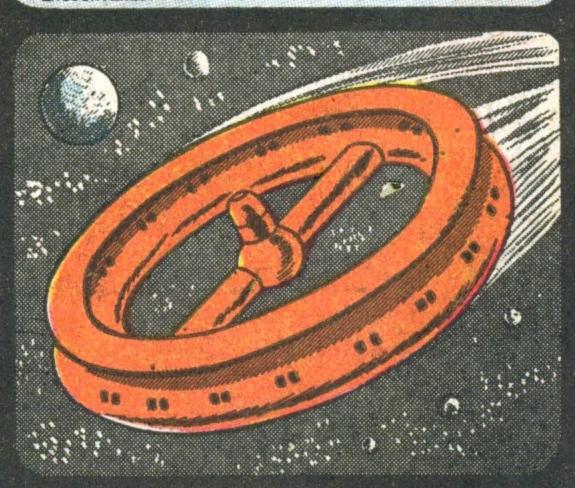




YOU MEN HAVE BEEN CALLED HERE BECAUSE EACH OF YOU IS AN OUTSTANDING EXPERT OF HIS TYPE, AND YOU CAN BE OF IMMEASURABLE AID TO AMERICA AT THIS CRITICAL MOMENT! AS TO WHY THE MOMENT'S SO CRITICAL .. I'LL LET BILL BATTLE HERE



"I SEE YOU LOOK SURPRISED - AND I DON'T BLAME YOU! THEY'VE BEEN CALLED HOAXES AND MASS HALLUCINATIONS, BUT THEY AC-TUALLY EXIST - AND MAY BE THE GREATEST DANGER WE'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED!"



"LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I KNOW OF THEMI I'D BEEN ASSIGNED TO RUN DOWN THE RUMORS, AND WAS PATROLLING AN AREA WHERE THEY'D BEEN REPORTED —"

I GIVE UP! ONE SET OF STORIES
HAS THOSE SAUCERS WHIZZING
OUT OF THE SKIES IN THIS AREA.
AND ANOTHER HAS THEM SHOOTING OUT OVER THE ATLANTIC,
WHERE THEY DIVE INTO THE

YOU CAN FOR-GET BOTH YARNS, BROTHER! THOSE THINGS JUST DON'T EXIST!

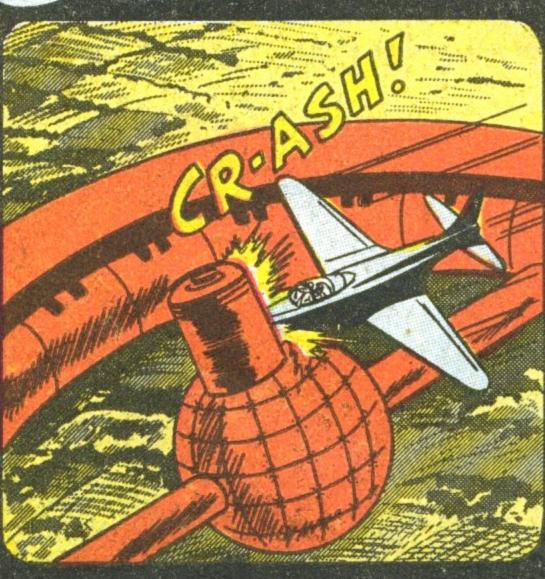




"IT HAPPENED AT THAT VERY MOMENT - TOO CLOSE TO DODGE! OUT

OF A NEARBY BANK OF CLOUDS --"

"WE COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED OUTRIGHT, BUT WE WERE LUCKY! WE BAILED OUT -"





"I WASN'T MUCH USE WITH A BROKEN LEGI BUT BEN GROSS, MY BUDDY, TOOK A CHANCE ON INVESTIGATING THE DAMAGED FLYING SAUCER, WHICH HAD LANDED NEARBY!" "I CAN STILL REMEMBER HOW CAUTIOUSLY HE APPROACHED IT -AND MY THINKING THEY WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE WITH A FIGHTING DEMON LIKE BENI BUT THEN I SAW THE LOOK ON HIS FACE -AND FELT A STRANGE CHILL IN MY SPINE!"



WELL,
I'LL BE --!
WHAT -- WHAT IS IT,
PAL? WHAT DO YOU
SEE IN THERE?



"HE DIDN'T ANSWER - AND ALL I SAW WAS THAT STRANGE STIFFEN-ING, AS IF A SUDDEN PARALYSIS HAD GRIPPED HIM BEN, WHO WAS AS HEALTHY AS AN OX!"



"I SAW HIM FALL, LIKE A DOLL WITHOUT THE BREATH OF LIFE -- AND I SAW SOMETHING ELSE! SUDDENLY, MIRACULOUSLY, THE DAMAGED FLYING SAUCER WAS INTACT AGAIN -- AND BEN A PRISONER!"



SO THERE IT IS -- WHAT I KNOW DIRECTLY
ABOUT THE FLYING SAUCERS! WE SUSPECT
THAT THEY MAY BE RUSSIAN SECRET
WEAPONS -- OUR FIRST STEP MUST BE
TO CAPTURE ONE AND INVESTIGATE IT!
BUT THEY'RE KNOWN TO DIVE INTO THE
DEEPEST PART OF THE ATLANTIC, WHERE
NOTHING CAN GET AT THEM -- NOTHING
BUT AMERICA'S NEW ATOMIC
SUBMARINE!





"THEN, NEXT MOMENT -"



THAT'S IT, GENTLEMEN -- AND YOU'VE .
BEEN CHOSEN AS MEMBERS OF THE ATOMIC COMMAND CORPS, THE ACC -- SECRETLY COMMISSIONED AS NAVAL LIEUTENANTS SERVING UNDER COMMANDER BATTLE TO MAN THE ATOMIC SUB! ACCEPT AND YOU'LL RISK YOUR LIVES! BUT YOU'LL HAVE UNLIMITED POWERS -- AND ALL OF AMERICA



THERE WASN'T ANY QUESTION OF REJECTION -- THESE WERE AMERICANSI A SECRET GROUP OF PATRIOTS - SWEARING A SECRET OATH -

REPEAT AFTER ME! 'I SWEAR TO GIVE MY ALL TO AMERICA .. TO PROTECT WITH MY LIFE THE GREAT NEW SECRET WEAPON .. "

I SWEAR TO GIVE MY ALL TO AMERICA -- TO PROTECT WITH MY LIFE --



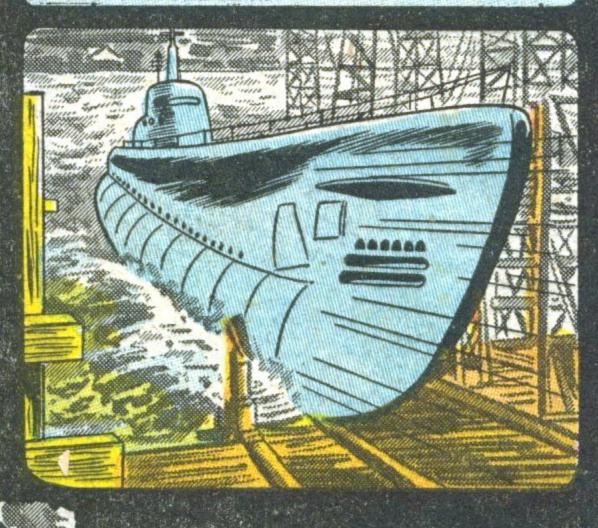
SUBSURFACE - AT A ROCKETING SPEED SUCH AS NO SUB HAD EVER BEFORE ATTAINED! MILE AFTER MILE - DESTINATION, A SPOT OFF THE STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR INTO WHICH THE SAUCERS HAD BEEN REPORTED TO PLUNGE!

I-I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT! WE'RE CRUISING .. AT 130 MILES AN HOUR!

GOOD LORD! CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT SHE'D DO IF WE LET HER OUT?



AND SO THE DESPERATE CAMPAIGN OPENED! ATOMIC COMMANDOS -ABOARD THE MIGHTY ATOMIC SUBMARINE - EMBARKED ON A MISSION OF LIFE AND DEATH!



IN AN INCREDIBLY SHORT SPACE OF TIME, THE DESTINATION WAS REACHED - A WASTE OF UNCHARTED WATER THAT WAS SEEMING-LY BOTTOMLESS! POINTING HER NOSE AT A STEEP ANGLE, THE SUBMARINE DOVE DOWN -- DOWN!



THESE WERE UNPLUMBED DEPTHSI AL-READY THEY HAD DIVED FAR DEEPER THAN MAN HAD EVER GONE BEFORE -AND STILL THE BLACK WATERS STRETCHED BEFORE THEM

WE'RE DOWN MORE THAN 50 MILES -- AND THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY END OF IT! I'M BEGINNING TO WONDER WHETHER THE ATOMIC SUB WILL WYTHSTAND THE



IT DID - AND MORE! AT A DEPTH UN-KNOWN TO HUMAN BEINGS, THE MIGHTY CRAFT FOUND THE OCEAN FLOOR - AND RACED ALONG IT, SEARCHING FOR SOME SIGN OF THE SAUCERSI

THIS IS LIKE LOOKING FOR A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK! I DON'T THINK WE'VE GOT A CHANCE!



HOLY GREAT JUMPIN' JIMMINY! LOOK AT THAT --AND TELL ME IF I'M DREAMING!





THE FABLED ISLAND CONTINENT THAT SANK INTO
THE OCEAN AGES AGO! AND NOW IT'S BEING
USED AS A HIDEOUT BY AN INVADING
POWER! IN SOME FASHION, THEY'VE MANAGED
TO PUT A DOME OVER IT-- AND
PROTECTED BY THESE DEPTHS,
THEY'RE CARRYING ON SOME
TERRIBLE PLOT AIMED AT US!

BUT THERE WAS NO TIME FOR FURTHER SPECULATION! THE IN-HABITANTS OF THE STRANGE UNDERWATER EMPIRE HAD SIGHTED THE ATOMIC SUBMARINE -- AND OPENED FIRE WITH WEIRD WEAPONS SUCH AS HAD NEVER BEEN SEEN BEFORE!





AND NOW THE OCEAN FLOOR WAS SHAKEN BY A WEIRD BARRAGE - AND DEATH MOVED CLOSEI RELENTLESSLY, THE ODD EXPLOSIONS, THE EERIE RAYS SOUGHT THEM OUT --

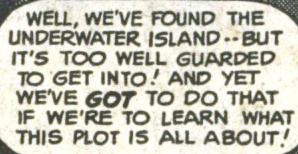






THE ATOMIC SUBMARINE CALLED UPON ITS
LAST DUNCE OF SURGING POWER - AND
SHOT SURFACEWARD AT BLINDING SPEEDI
OUT OF THE MAW OF DEATH - TO SAFETYI

RUSH REPAIRS TOOK SEVERAL DAYS --BUT WHEN THEY WERE COMPLETED --







IF WE COULD ONLY

CAPTURE ONE OF

THOSE BABIES, IT

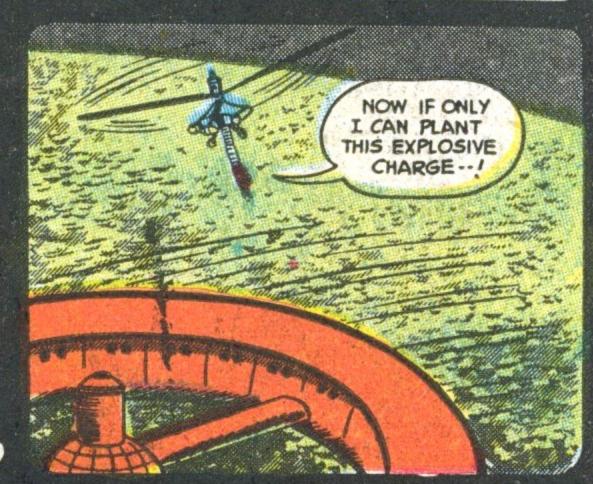
MIGHT GIVE US A

CLUE TO WHAT'S

GOING ON!

BUT HOW?

ARE YOU FORGETTING
THAT THE SUB
CARRIES A SPEED.
COPTER WITH THE
SAUCER SLOWED
DOWN -- LET'S GIVE
IT A TRY!



THIS WAS A JOB WHICH DARED THE VERY FATES! IT CALLED FOR

SUPERB FLYING - FOR MIGHTY STRENGTH AND SHEER GRIT -

BUT THESE WERE ATOMIC COMMANDOS!

ALWAYS BEFORE, HIS RUGGED POWER HAD BEEN EXPENDED FOR PUBLIC APPLAUSE! THERE WERE NO CROWDS NOW -- NO ROARING ONLOOKERS TO CHEER CHAMP RUGGLES IN HIS GREAT FEAT --





TENSE MOMENTS LATER -

SHAKE IT UP, YOU
GUYS -- WHAT'S HOLDING YOU? YOU
BROUGHT DOWN
MR. FLYING SAUCER
LIKE A SITTING DUCKSO LET'S CALL ON OUR
NEW NEIGHBORS!

THIS WAS THE MOMENT THEY HAD SO LONG AWAITED! NOW, AT LAST, THEY WOULD SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF WHO PILOTED THE FLYING SAUCERS!

THE SMOKE SEEMS TO BE DISSIPATING!
GET YOUR WEAPONS READY, MEN!
WE'RE GOING IN-- AND IT MAY
MEAN A FIGHT!

BUT WITHIN THE DARK INTERIOR -- A STUNNING SURPRISE!

THERE'S-NOBODY ABOARD! NOBODY!

BUT-BUT HOW CAN THAT BE!

HERE'S SOMETHING ELSE
I DON'T GET! THESE
STRANGE, GLOWING
TUBES! THERE SEEM
TO BE HUNDREDS
OF 'EM ABOARD!
WONDER WHAT--

NEVER MIND
THAT NOW! TAKE
A LOOK UP
THERE

HOLY W. SMOKE!
THAT HATCH WAS
BLOWN OPEN BY
THE EXPLOSION
CHAMP PLANTED.
BUT ALL OF A
SUDDEN IT'S
PERFECT
AGAIN!

YES, AND LOOK AROUND YOU! THE SAUCER'S REPAIRING ITSELF!



IT WAS THEN THAT IT HAPPENED - THEIR FIRST SIGN OF SOME WEIRD OUTSIDE IN-FLUENCE THAT GUIDED THE FLYING SAUCER -

THE HATCH! SOMETHING'S CLOSED IT--WE'RE PRISONERS!

I-- I DON'T LIKE THIS! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



WE'LL GET OUT, ALL RIGHT! I'LL -- BREAK THIS THING -- TO SMITHEREENS!

NO, CHAMP -- NO! CAN'T YOU FEEL THAT RUSH-ING VIBRA-TION ? THE SAUCER --IT'S DIVING INTO THE SEA AT TREMENDOUS SPEED!

THERE'S SOME STRANGE, UNKNOWN IMPULSE GUIDING US---

AND NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT-JUST WAIT --SEE WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN --



THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO WAIT LONG! FIRST AN ODD, BREATHLESS HUSH - THEN A WEIRD LIGHT WHICH BATHED THE INTERIOR OF THE SAUCER - AND FROZE TO THE MARROW OF THEIR BONES!

THAT LIGHT -- THAT AWFUL LIGHT! WHERE'S

I-- I FEEL FUNNY --



AND SO, BEARING ITS PRISONERS, THE FLYING SAUCER SHOT DOWN - DOWN THROUGH THE GRAY DEPTHS THAT REACHED UP HUNGRILY ---



YES, CHAMP, YOU FEEL FUNNY -- AND SO DO THE OTHERS! FOR THIS IS NO ORDINARY LIGHT! IT'S A RAY -- A RAY THAT PARALYZES!



WITHIN IT, BRAYE MEN FROZEN, ROOTED TO THE SPOT - HEADING HELPLESSLY TOWARDS A DESTINY UNKNOWN -- A PERILOUS FATE UNDREAMED OF



WILL THE CREW OF THE ATOMIC SUB ESCAPE THE AWFUL DOOM THAT AWAITS THEM? READ THE ANSWER - AND A THRILLING SURPRISE - IN THE VERY NEXT STORY IN THIS ISSUE!

THEIR HISTORY STARTED IN 1805 -- WITH ROBERT FULTON, AMERICAN --

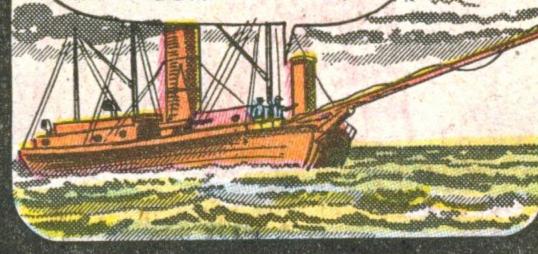
YOU SAY YOUR INVENTION DESTROYS A SHIP BY EXPLODING

GUNPOWDER AGAINST ITS HULL UNDER WATER, MR, FULTON ?

YES, BUT IT WON'T BE USE-FUL -- UNTIL THERE'S A PRACTICAL MEANS OF GETTING THE CHARGE TO THE SHIP!

ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO USE TIDES OR CURRENTS TO DRIFT THE "TORPEDO"TO THE. TARGET, BUT THEY FAILED! FINALLY CAME THE FIRST PRACTICAL WEAPON-THE SPAR, OR OUTRIGGER TORPEDO!

WHEN WE ARRIVE NEAR THE TARGET SHIP, THE CHARGE IS IMMERSED! IT THEN EXPLODES ELECTRICALLY ON CONTACT WITH THE SHIP'S TIMBERS!



IT WORKED! DURING THE CIVIL WAR, LT. CUSHING ATTACKED THE CONFEDERATE IRON-CLAD "ALBEMARLE " -- AND DESTROYED IT!

GIVING MOTION AND DIRECTION TO THE TORPEDO CAME NEXT! THERE WERE THE LAY AND SIMS-EDISON TORPEDOES -- ELECTRICALLY STEERED AND PROPELLED BY TRAILING WIRES!



illy willling maple

IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE LATE 1860'S THAT THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL, SELF-PROPELLED FLOATING TORPEDO WAS INVENTED -- BY CAPTAIN LUPPID OF THE AUSTRIAN NAVY!

AND FROM THESE EARLY BEGINNINGS DEVELOPED THE MODERN TORPEDO WE KNOW TODAY!



RIGHT--AND IT TRAVELED UNDERWATER AT 6 MILES AN HOUR WITH A SELF-CONTAINED COMPRESSED AIR ENGINE!



BRITISH MARK IV TORPEDO, SPEEDS UP TO 36 M.P.H. RANGE 7.000-8,000 YARDS. EXPLOSIVE CHARGE, 500 LBS . TNT.





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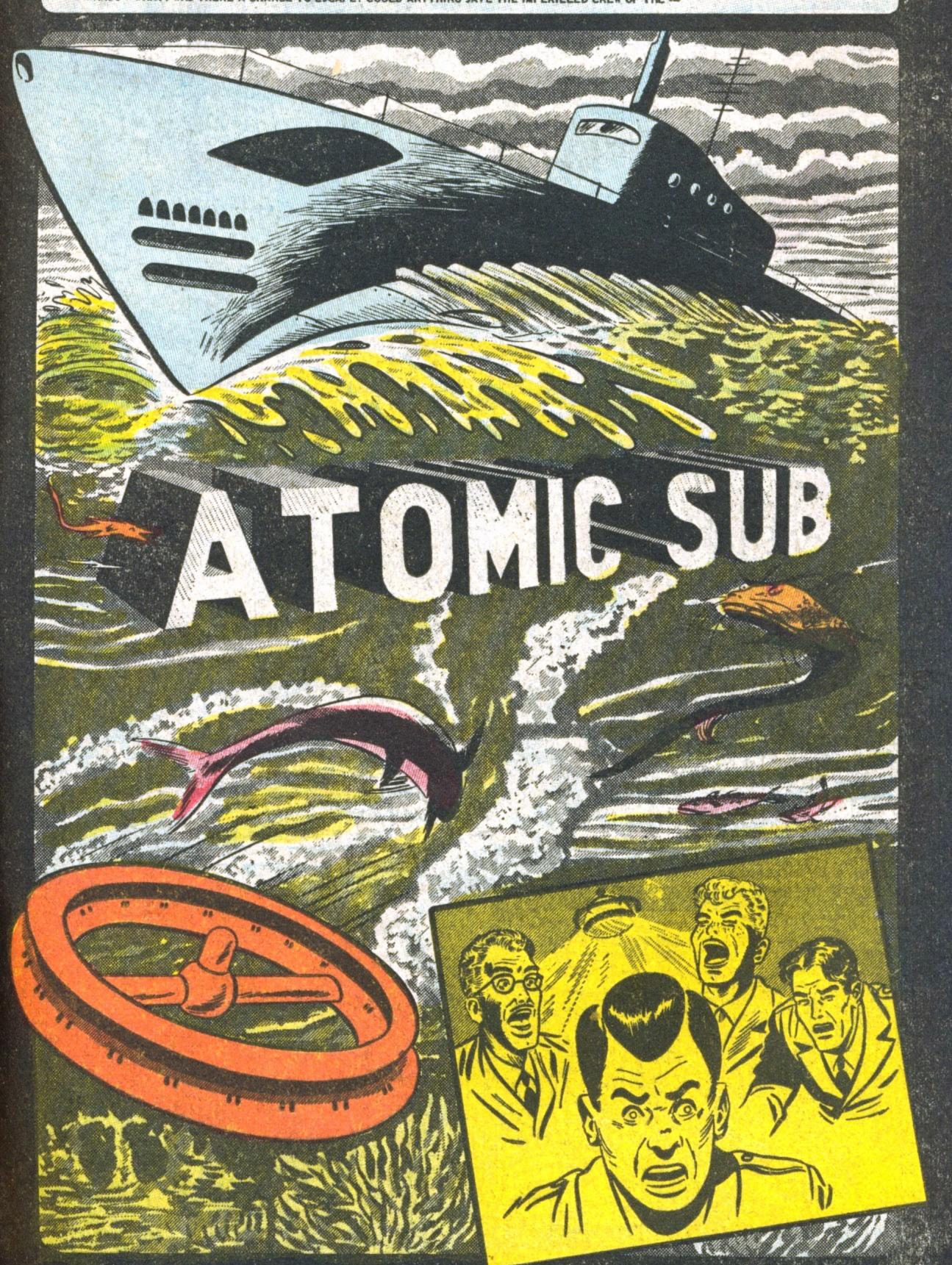


A PROCESS SO EXCITINGLY
LIFELIKE THAT THE PICTURES
SEEM TO LEAP OUT AT YOU, FULL OF
EXCITEMENT AND INTRIGUING ACTION! THAT'S TRUEVISION "LENDING
TO STORIES AN AMAZING DEPTH, A
THRILLING ILLUSION OF LIFE SUCH
AS NO COMICS MAGAZINE HAS EVER
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SOMETIMES, IN THE HISTORY OF MAN, THERE COME DRAMATIC CRISES - WHEN THE VERY FATE OF HUMANITY HANGS IN THE BALANCE! THIS WAS ONE OF THOSE TIMES! A STRANGE FLYING SAUCER FROM OUT OF NOWHERE, PLUNGING DEEPER, EVER DEEPER INTO THE DEPTHS! AND WITHIN IT, LOCKED FAST IN THE AWFUL GRIP OF A WEIRD RAY, THE FOUR MEN WHO COULD SAVE THE WORLD - HELPLESS AS THEY ROCKETED TO-WARDS - WHAT? WAS THERE A CHANCE TO ESCAPE? COULD ANYTHING SAVE THE IMPERILLED CREW OF THE --







NEW-FANGLED WEAPON --AND TURNED IT ON! YEEOWWW!

TONY! QUICK --TURN THAT GADGET BASHFUL! IT'S FOR ALL OF ON THE TUBES YOU! THESE CREEPS COME FROM --SO NO MORE OF 'EM CAN HATCH OUT!

THEY DREAM OF THE WEIRD SCIENCE THAT FOLLOWED THEIR EVERY MOVE - THE ENEMY EYES THAT SPIED UPON THEM EVEN THEM?



IT HAPPENED JUST AS THE LEADER OF THE STRANGE BEINGS HAD FORESEEN -



- EVEN TO HIS "CAPTURE"



AN UNOBTRUSIVE PUSH OF A BUTTON - AND THE WALLS SOARED UPWARDI AND SURROUNDING THEM --

BUT, THESE WERE THE ATOMIC COMMANDOS - AND SURRENDER WAS A HATED WORD! THERE WAS ONE LAST, DESPERATE EFFORT -

RESISTOR

GUNS READY! FIRE!

FLYING WEDGE, BOYS! WE'LL

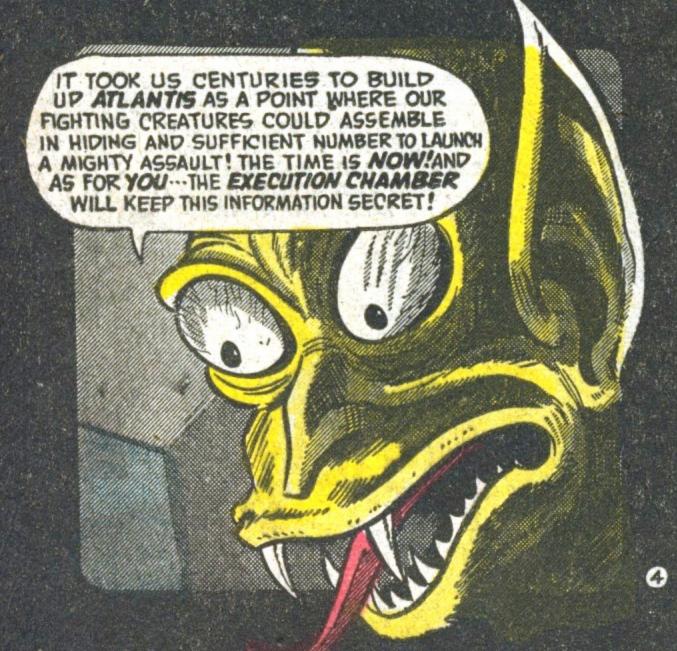
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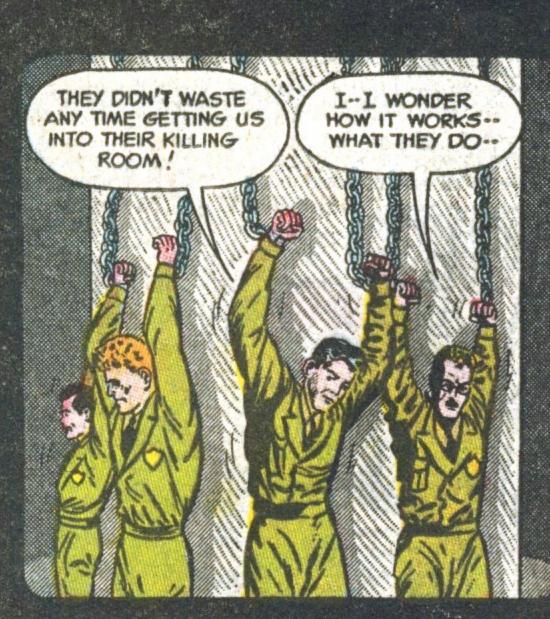












THEY DIDN'T HAVE LONG TO WAIT TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS IN STORE FOR THEM

GREAT SCOTT! THE WALLS --THEY'RE CONVERG -ING -- CLOSING IN ON US!

THESE MANACLES .. DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE MADE OF -- BUT I CAN'T -- BREAK THEM!

ONE SIDE, KING KONG! I WAS AN ESCAPE ARTIST ON THE CARNIVAL CIRCUIT -- AND THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO PROVE IT!



MADE IT! --BUT NOW WHATE THOSE WALLS --THEY'RE ALMOST ON TOP OF US!

ONLY A FEW MOMENTS LEFT TO FREE CHAMP - JUST IN TIME!

NOT BAD, HUH? I CAN BE AN ESCAPE ARTIST FOR OTHER GUYS, TOO!

GANGWAY! HERE'S A SPOT WHERE I CAN . REALLY APPLY SOME MUSCLE!



I'M DOIN' MY PART



CHAMP DID HIS PART - IN A SURGE OF STRENGTH THAT WREAKED HAYOC!











Militager HAPPENS!

"HAT'S THE TROUBLE with a G-Man's life," said John Ransome slowly. "It isn't like you see in the movies or on television. It's all routine...and nothing

ever happens!"

Fred, his old college friend, sighed disappointedly. He hadn't seen John in years, and had hastened to look him up when he hadheard of his glamorous job as a government operative. Surely he'd hear stories of high adventure and intrigue...yet here was John telling him there was no such thing! The ringing of the telephone in an adjoining room interrupted his trend of thought. And it became apparent that their evening together was at an end when John returned, apologized hastily and then left abruptly. It was probably some of that troublesome routine to which he'd referred, thought Fred.

Actually, it was far different. It was an emergency call to headquarters, where John Ronsome received a hurried briefing on a sudden development which bid fair to become a national emergency. For it seemed that the test model of the atomic activator had just disappeared, mysteriously, from the plant which had been about to place it into production. The activator made it possible to supply atomic power continuously and in tremendous amounts to special engines. With it, an airplane, a submarine or a battleship could operate indefinitely without refueling...and at unheard-of speeds. Military supremacy belonged to the nation who controlled it ... and now it had been stolen!

It called for fast work. The device bad to be located before there was time for it to leave the country. And so John took up the quest at the point of disappearance. It was fruitless to question guards and underlings at the plant, he knew. He had to find out who had access to the atomic activator, and then proceed from there. The affair boiled down to six high company officials and about a dozen executive engineers. He scanned their records, their loyalty checks ...everything unimpeachable. He interviewed each...to no avail. There was only one thing...so intangible as to be meaningless, no doubt. Richard Cosgrove, one of the engineers. There was something odd about

his eyes...a contraction of the pupils that only the keenest observation could note. John Ransome had such observation. He also thought it strange that Cosgrove, whose record as a war-hero was practically unequalled, should so loudly and emphatically proclaim his patriotism when questioned. Hang it, a man who held the D.S.C. didn't have to brag about how much he loved his country...not when his past

accomplishments spoke for him!

It wasn't much so go on, but there weren't any clues...so John determined to check further into Richard Cosgrove. A fast trip to his home town, a hundred miles away, netted him much local gossip...and a surprise! For it seemed that Richard Cosgrove had had a twin brother, Andrew, who had also had training as an engineer. But Andrew had been as dissolute as Richard was decent. A habitual gambler, he owed everyone...and it was even whispered that he took drugs. Nobody knew what had happened to him...only that the old Cosgrove home was locked up and Richard had gone to New York on some engineering job. And now John's suspicion burned brighter. A surreptitious trip to the Cosgrove home was in order. There a skeleton key won him entrance...and there, buried beneath the basement floor, he found the mouldering corpse which confirmed his growing belief. This body was Richard's...and the man who had used his reputation and credentials to secure employment in the atomic plant as a trusted engineer was none other. than twin brother Andrew, whose contracted pupils had indicated him as a drugtaker!

It was three hours since the theft of the atomic activator, and time was of the essence. Racing back to New York, John Ransome headed for the impostor's apartment, where the same skeleton key won him entrance. He stole in, noting that Cosgrove had his back toward him, giving opportunity for a ruse. "Hiya, Andy!" he cried. Surprised, the man whirled towards him. "How'd you know I was Andy..." he gritted, then stopped short, realizing that he'd given himself away. His hand darted towards his pocket, reaching for a gun, but the movement was cut short by all of John's

lithe power, squarely behind the blow which sent Cosgrove crashing to the floor. His own gun drawn, the G-Man stood over his dazed victim. "Here it is," he snapped. "The way I see it, you were approached by a gang of spies who knew that your brother was going to work at the plant...and figured they could substitute you! They probably offered to pay off all your debts, keep you in drugs and pay you a handsome sum besides if you'd lift the atomic activator for them! The idea was that a great war hero like Richard Cosgrove wouldn't be suspected! And you, you rat...you were so bitter and jealous that you were probably glad when they killed your brother!"

"How right you are," came a smooth voice from behind him...and whieling, John Ransome collided squarely with a smashing gun-butt blow which sent him down, the world spinning madly about him. When his vision cleared, he saw a short, thickset man standing over him, gun held at the ready. There were about four other men, too...hirelings, no doubt. Now their short leader was talking. 'It was lucky we arrived in time to follow you in," he was saying. 'You see, we hadn't come here for the atomic activator yet...we had to secure a plane first, to take it out of the country! There wasn't any danger of you finding it it here, even if you searched the place, which we had built specially for this purpose! Watch!" He touched a point high in the wood panelling, and a hidden compartment slid open smoothly. Behind it was a heavy vault...and within it, the atomic activator! "Now that the plane's waiting at City Airport," the short man smiled, "we can leave and arrange to transport this device of yours to Slavonia! But you'll have to remain behind, I'm afraid...together with a couple of my men who are experts at ...er...liquidation!"

So there he was...together with the men who had been assigned to kill him! "Might as well get this over with," said one, in a businesslike tone, as he checked the clip in his automatic. "C'mon...up against the wall with you!"

John Ransome no longer had a gun. He thought fast, desperately. There was one chance left...one slim chance. "Give me just 60 seconds," he begged. "I...I want to scrawl a goodbye note to my girl!"

"Make it 30 seconds," one of the men laughed cruelly. "Go ahead, fast...it's only 20 seconds now!"

Reaching into his pocket, John pulled out his "pencil", being thicker, heavier than the regulation, with a certain businesslike air about it. "Look out," called one of the men, swinging his gun up to

fire. "That thing's a"

He never finished what he had started to say, for John had hurled the device, and a blasting roar cut off the words...and the lives...of two spies! It was a new device which the Department of Justice issued to its agents, this pencil-grenade ... and an effective one! But the G-Man was already out the door, racing for his car below. Perilously he sped through the city streets, heading for the Airport. In and out of traffic he cut at breakneck pace, risking death a hundred times over. And now, as he swung onto the big Metropolitan bridge, he saw through the rear window of a big sedan ahead, the unmistakable features of the short, thickset man, as he turned his head to speak to the man beside him. John swung wide, stepping down hard on the accelerator with the intention of cutting them off. But as he drew abreast, the spy leader sighted him, dove for something on the seat of the sedan...and came up with a murderous tommy-gun! There was no time now to think of heading them off...America's security and John's own life depended on lightning action! And, in this moment of awful emergency, the G-Man delivered! A plunging turn of the wheel...and his car plunged headlong into the side of the racing sedan! Out of control, the spy car crashed the bridge's guard-rail and broke through it...then commenced the terrific drop to the river far below!

Nobody emerged alive from that car... including the impostor, Cosgrove. But divers recovered the atomic activator... intact! Then, his day over, John Ransome walked slowly, exhaustedly towards his home. As he turned in at his entrance, a car slowed to a halt, and a man leaned out, calling to him cheerily. It was Fred, his old college friend. "Look at him, taking it easy," the man cried cheerfully. "But I guess you're used to it in a job like yours! All routine...and nothing ever bappens!"

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IT WAS A MOMENT OF PURE HORROR - AS 300 TONS OF RAGING FEROCITY THUNDERED TOWARDS TWO UNCONSCIOUS MENI BLOODY DEATH WAS SECONDS AWAY - AND WHAT FORCE WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO STOP IT?



NEXT MOMENT, A SURGING BLAST - AS DOC BENT THE SCIENCE OF ATLANTIS TO HIS OWN ENDS!



NOW THE LOCKS OF ATLANTIS YAWNED WIDE - AND FROM THEM JET THAT SNAKED ALONG THE OCEAN BED, PUSHING THE WATER



THAT'S WHAT I I-- I DON'T GET YOUR HERE GOES! SAID! TURN THAT MACHINE AROUND -- FAST!

BUT IN THE OUTER CHAMBER OF THE LOCKS, A SHORT DISTANCE

AWAY --

HEY, DOC --HMMM ... A FEW ALTERATIONS A BUNCH OF IN THE OUTPUT SYSTEM AND I CAN STEP UP THAT OXYGEN THOSE CREEPS ARE COMING JET TO CYCLONE POWER! --UP AFTER US! SWIVEL THIS MACHINE AROUND HOW WE EVER AGAIN, CHAMP --GONNA GET THEN HOLD THE **OUT** OF THIS DOOR AGAINST PLACE ? ALL COMERS

DARTED A BLAST OF SUPERCHARGED OXYGEN - A TITANIC SCARLET BACK, BACKI

WHILE I

WORK!



WHERE ARE WE
GOING, DOC ? WHEN
WE COME TO THE END
OF THIS OXYGEN JET-THEN
WHAT?

WE HAD TO GET OUT OF THERE
PRONTO, BILL-OR THEY'D
HAVE HAD US! IF--IF WE
CAN GET OUT OF RANGE OF
THE ATLANTEAN WEAPONS,
THEN I'VE GOT AN ACE IN
THE HOLE I CAN TRY!





THEN WHAT HAD BEEN AN AVENUE OF ESCAPE SUDDENLY BECAME A FLAMING INFERNO - AS A FIERY BLAST RACED TOWARDS THE ATOMIC COMMANDOSI

HOLY SMOKE! WE'RE COOKED -- AND I DO MEAN COOKED! ALL RIGHT, YOU MEN-HERE IT IS! DIVE OUT OF THE JET--INTO THE WATER!

DROWNING'S
BETTER THAN
BURNING ANY DAY!
LET'S GO!

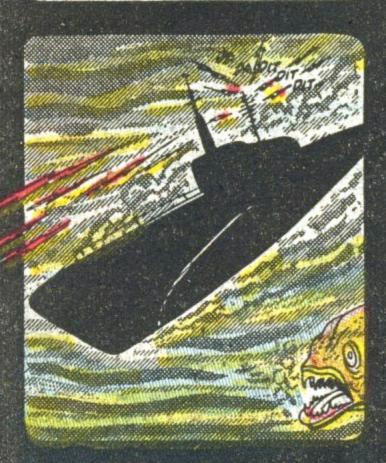
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A WHIRRING OF POWERFUL MOTORS -- AND THE ATOMIC SUB PLUMMETED INTO THE DEPTHS AT HEADLONG SPEED, OBEDIENT TO THE INSISTENT RADIO IMPULSES WHICH GUIDED IT!



AND DOWN BELOW -- JUST AS THEIR LUNGS REACHED THE BURSTING-POINT --



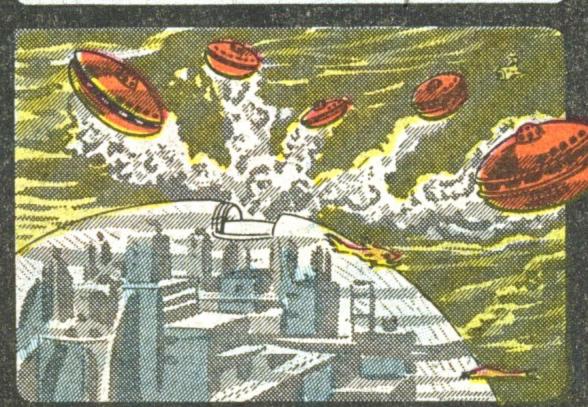


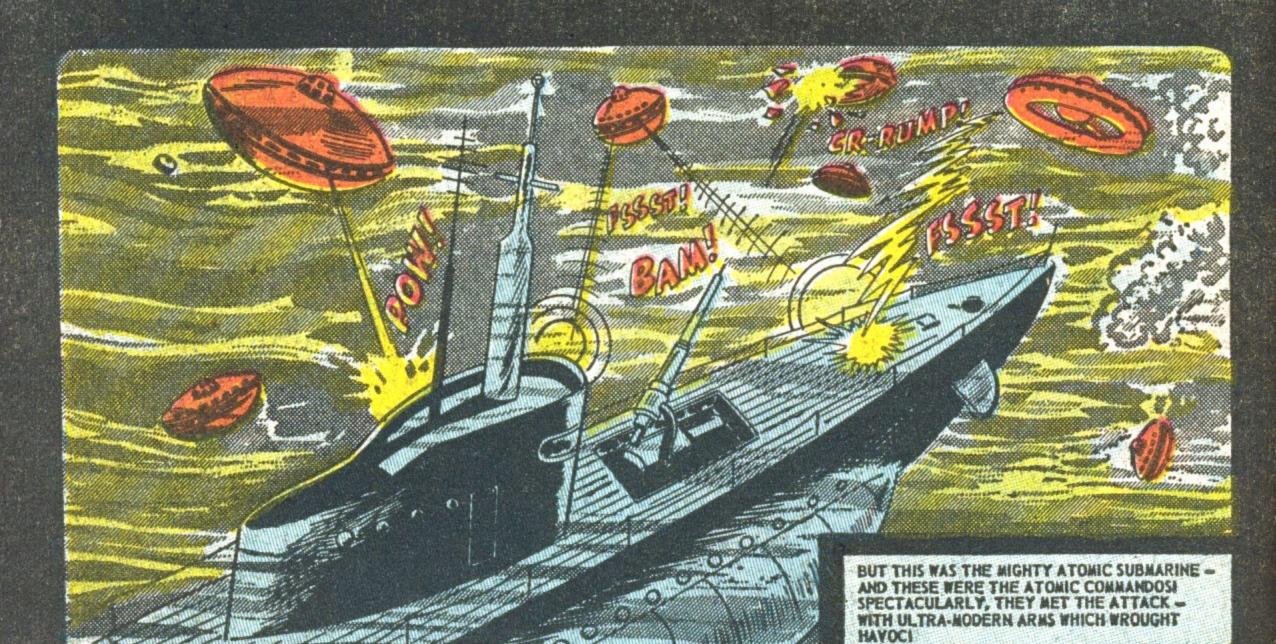
HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT! BUT WE

IT WAS -- TOUCH AND GO FOR AWHILE! I HAD TO -- GET



SAFE? THERE WAS ONE THING THEY HADN'T COUNTED ON -- A POWERFUL ONSET LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A NIGHTMARE -- AS A FLEET OF SPECIAL FIGHTING SAUCERS SWARMED IN FOR THE KILL!





AS THE SCALES OF BATTLE, THE YERY FATE OF THE WORLD HUNG IN THE BALANCE -

DIRECT HIT--BUT OUR ARMAMENT'S WEATHERED IT! BREAK OUT OUR AUX-ILIARY RAPID-FIRE GUNS TI'S NOW OR

NOW OR NEVER - AND THE ATOMIC SUB RESPONDED IN A BURST OF FIGHTING FURY WHICH SCATTERED THE FLYING SAUCERS IN COMPLETE DEFEAT!



YAHOO! WE DID IT!

I DID IT, YOU MEAN-SINGLE-HANDED!

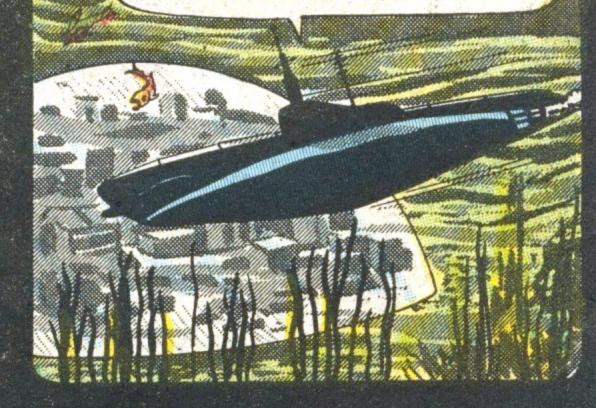
HURRAH

WAS JUST THE FIRST STEP! THERE'LL BE NO REAL VICTORY FOR US UNTIL WE CAN ELIMI-NATE THE MENACE OF ATLANTIS AS AN INVASION BASE! FOR OUR SIDE!

EASY; BOYS -- THAT.

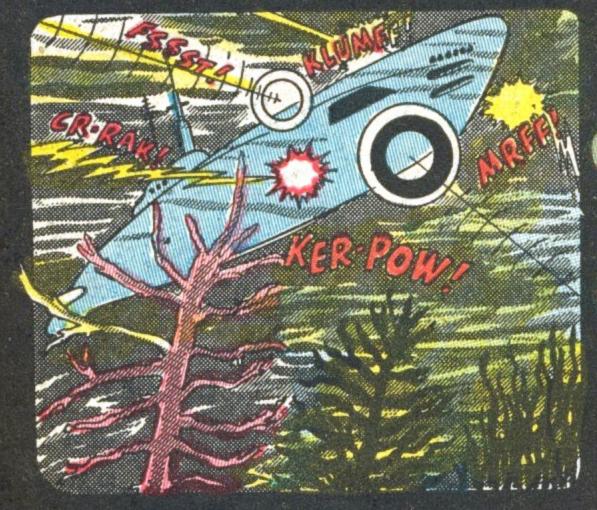
THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING TO DO -- RISK THE ISLAND'S TERRIBLE UNDERWATER WEAPONS ONCE MORE! THEY HAD TO GET WITHIN RANGE - EVEN IF IT MEANT EXPOSING THEMSELVES TO CERTAIN DEATH

NOW! SWITCH FROM CONVENTIONAL FIREPOWER TO ATOMIC WEAPONS!



AND JUST AS THE AWFUL UNDERSEA BARRAGE BURST ABOUT THEM -

- THE ATOMIC SUB RELEASED ITS FULL TERRIFIC BROADSIDE OF ATOMIC SHELLS AND TORPEDOES!







SO PERISHED ATLANTIS AND ITS AWFUL THREAT AGAINST EARTH'S SECURITY - DEFEATED BY AMERICA'S GREAT ATOMIC SUB AND THE BRAVE MEN THAT MANNED ITI THE FOLLOWING WEEK -- IN WASHINGTON --

THERE'LL BE A
FUTURE FOR MANKIND
ON EARTH NOW-THANKS TO YOU
ATOMIC COMMANDOS!

THANKS TO THE ATOMIC SUB, YOU MEAN, MR. PRESIDENT! BUT THE DANGER'S OVER NOW--WE CAN SETTLE BACK IN SAFETY, THANK HEAVENS!



SAFETY, DID YOU SAY, BILL BATTLE? THE SUCCEEDING WEEKS BROUGHT STRANGE, OMINOUS SIGNS! HERE THEY ARE, AND THEY SPELL -- CATASTROPHE!

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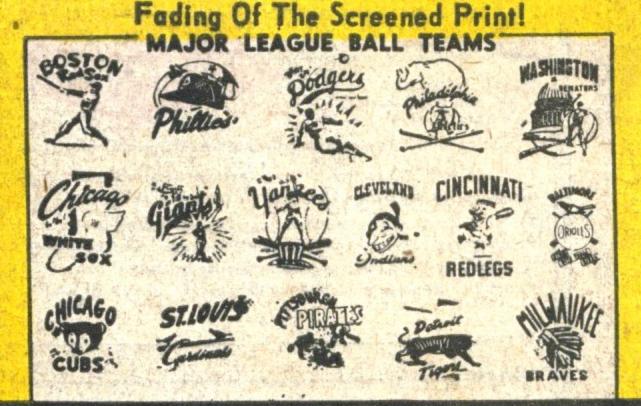




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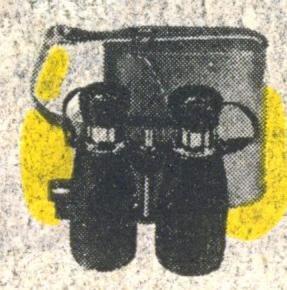


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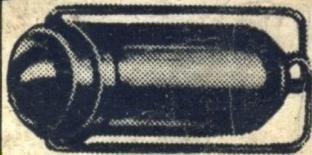
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